assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Ministries.

A special allocation of Rs. 250 crore per annum is also made for Koraput-Bolangir-Kalahandi (KBK) region of Orissa under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

Disaster management project in flood affected States

916. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry with the assistance of the States is taking up disaster management projects that include a scheme to build houses of those who were rendered houseless by the recent floods;

(b) if so, whether any families from the districts of Kadapa, Vellore, Guntur, Prakasan and Ananthpur of Andhra Pradesh have been provided with new dwellings;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) Ministry of Home Affairs has no scheme under implementation at present for building of houses for persons rendered houseless by floods. However, cash assistance is provided to persons whose houses are damaged in natural calamities including floods from the Schemes of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) as per the approved norms.

As regards the State of Andhra Pradesh, it has been reported by the State Government that all the eligible families including flood affected are eligible for houses under INDIRAMMA Housing Programme sponsored by State Government. The houses are provided after due process of enumeration.

Proposal to make Paedophilia a cognizable offence

917. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paedophilia, which has resulted in the gruesome murders of many children in Noida district in Uttar Pradesh and other places in the country, does not fall under cognizable offence and the police generally find it not worthy of registration;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to make Paedophilia a cognizable offence; and

(c) whether Order being a State subject under the Indian Constitution a consensus would be arrived and afterwards legislation resorted to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Paedophilia crime which has resulted in the gruesome murders of many children in Noida district in Uttar Pradesh and other places in the country are definitely cognizable. Such offences are covered under different sections of the Indian Penal Code, namely 302 (Murder), 376 (Rape) and 377 (Unnatural offences).

Peadophilia is an unnatural offence and is cognizable under Section 377 of IPC.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.